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Lt. Governor Kinder Continues Work With AARP

Signs "Divided We Fail" Pledge

Springfield, MO- Lt. Governor Peter Kinder today joined AARP to help them kick off their *Divided We Fail* campaign. Kinder signed the pledge promising to continue working with AARP on issues most important to Missouri's seniors in his role as Missouri's official Senior Advocate.

"I promise to continue to assist and protect our seniors as AARP has been a partner with me and my office as we work together on issues important to Missouri seniors," said Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder, Missouri's foremost advocate for senior citizens.

The *Divided We Fail* campaign is a national effort designed to engage the American people, elected officials and the business community to find broad-based, bi-partisan solutions. Lt. Governor Kinder addressed AARP to express his support for the ideas and principles of a healthy lifestyle and to work to improve access to healthcare for senior citizens.

Kinder has supported policies and programs that emphasize preventative care and overall wellness for Missourians of all ages, including prescription drugs. He points out Missouri is at the forefront in providing prescription assistance to seniors through the Missouri Rx Plan, and as Chairman of the plan, he is pleased to report over 170, 000 Missourians are now enrolled in this new plan, which benefits the neediest in this state.

Kinder has also announced the Legislature raised the long-term care insurance state tax deduction from 50%-100%. This positive change took place last session after two years of debating the issue. This action is in response to the need for expanded and affordable long-term care options. Kinder stated, "By providing additional tax relief for long-term care insurance premiums, more people will be encouraged to purchase long-term care insurance." He adds that this incentive will help Missourians make preparations for future long-term needs.

Kinder was joined in Springfield by AARP Missouri State Director, John McDonald.

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